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Dear Dr. Sharma:

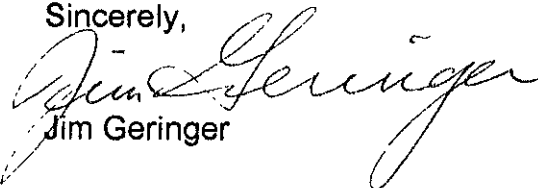
Thank you for informing me of the proposed supplemental rule making for the transport of certain hazardous material. I find the recommendations are realistic and long overdue.

While much of what is suggested makes good common sense, I do have one concern. This lies in expecting that roadside enforcement officers will be able to determine what constitutes equal or greater strength and integrity in packaging for materials of trade. Determining alternative strength and integrity will be near impossible to make at a roadside traffic stop.

Also, you should be aware that Wyoming's adoption of the hazardous material regulations did not except small non-specification tank trucks used in intra-state hauling. We will continue to enforce the specification requirements on these types of tanks as an added measure of public safety. RSPA's proposal to allow inspection of small tank trucks by qualified persons rather than registered inspectors however, is a positive step and I certainly endorse that philosophy when people are properly trained.

Again, thank you for the information, Dr. Sharma. I believe your agency is making some very sound proposals.

Sincerely,


Jim Geringer

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